prosecution of the officers of the rank of Joint Secretary and above and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) Since April 2004, CBI has sought sanction for prosecution in 17 cases against officers of the rank of Joint Secretary & above. Out of these, sanctions have been accorded in 10 cases and refused in 1 case RC. 6/2003-MUM against the Deputy Director, Air India, Mumbai due to different interpretation of clause 4.3 of the agreement in question.

j(c) The matter is *subjudice* in the Supreme Court.

Technical Division of Planning Commission

441. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Technical Divisions of the Planning Commission like agriculture, education, rural development etc. are headed by the general officers of different services including some retired persons and people from non-Government sector who are neither experts nor professionally well-qualified;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether such an arrangement is not leading to a deterioration in the professional competence of the Commission as a super think tank in National Planning; and

(d) if so, in what way Government propose to arrest this trend and attract men of eminence and excellence in the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) The recruitment process for the posts mentioned in the Question is underway. Presently, pending completion of the recruitment process, these Divisions are headed by officers possessing suitable experience in the relevant fields.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.